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VIA FAX ONLY (202-219-3923)

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RE: MUR 5428
Potlatch Corporation

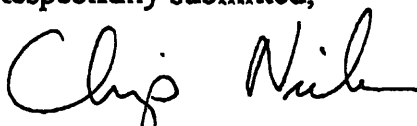
Dear Ms. Odrowski:

On April 7, 2004 this law firm was retained by Potlatch Corporation to assist it in responding to your letter that was accepted for service by CT Corporation on February 29, 2004.

I have now read the documents provided and talked with executives and counsel at Potlatch Corporation. I believe an affidavit from the corporation on the facts of its corporate contribution to the Arkansas Republican Party will be useful to show it was outside their responsibility that the check was mistakenly deposited by the Party into its federal account.

I expect Potlatch to fax and Federal Express you its affidavit by the end of this week, and I respectfully request a short extension for us to provide this reply and to provide you any additional responsive information that you might request after reviewing the affidavit.

Respectfully submitted,


Vigo G. Nielsen, Jr.

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

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Date April 8, 2004


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